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TAGS: MNUC, NATO, NPG

SUBJECT: ENHANCED RADIATION: ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY POINT
FOR TALK WITH SCHMIDT

1. EMBASSY BONN IS CONCERNED THAT FRG MAY SUSPECT THAT THE
US POSITION ON ERW IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF COMMUNICATIONS
WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF
DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER COULD QUASH SUCH SUSPICIONS
DIRECTLY IF THEY ARE RAISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH SCHMIDT.
ACCORDINGLY, SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL AND NOTIFICATION
DIRECTLY TO BONN, WE WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
CONTINGENCY TALKING POINT, FOR USE IF SCHMIDT RAISES THE
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QUESTION OF WHETHER THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION WAS DEVELOPED
IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE US HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATIONS
ON ERW FROM THE SOVIET UNION, OTHER THAN THE BREZHNEV LETTER
OF JANUARY, WHICH WAS SIMILAR TO THOSE SENT TO ALL NATO
STATES. THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION IS THE RESULT OF OUR OWN

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROS AND CONS OF ERW FOR NATO, AND HAS
NOT BEEN SHAPED BY THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN OR BY ANY
DIRECT SOVIET COMMUNICATION. END TEXT. COOPER

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